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## To Whom it may concern:

I write in support of the research proposal submitted to the Salton Sea Financial Assistance Program (FAP) by Professor Norman Terry of the College of Natural Resources, Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, entitled "Field Test of a Novel Wetland Treatment System to Provide Clean Water for the Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat".

As Dean of the College of Natural Resources, I recognize the importance of this area of research in its promise to transform impaired water systems. This technology holds the promise that it could be used to recycle the billions of gallons of California agricultural irrigation drainage water which, at present, is wasted and cannot be utilized due to the high selenium content. The College of Natural Resources is fully committed to helping implement this program should it be funded by Salton Sea FAP.

Sincerely,

J. Keith Gilless

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